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Santa's helpers—

Dylan Sturm, grandson of Rotary member Ken Ruzich, plays Christmas "elf" and drops off some holiday cheer at a West Sacramento home

Rotary Club and Meals on Wheels "elves" finished what shoppers at Raley's began.

Some of the city's homebound senior citizens had an opportunity to request small gifts for Christmas. Their name and gift request formed part of a "gift tree" at Raley's, and shoppers were invited to select a gift wish to fulfill.

Volunteers then wrapped the gifts and delivered them to the door of the seniors – about 70 of them.

"This year, we had a lot of requests for food items," said Rotary member Charyl Silva. "The West Sacramento Rotary would like to thank our great community and Raley's for their continued support of the senior gift program."

Help arrives for Christmas baskets

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project has enough money to stock its holiday food baskets for the needy this week – thanks to last-minute help from community members, businesses and organizations. The charity last week found out a major cash sponsor wouldn't be back this year, leaving the program unable to pay for the turkeys, chickens and milk that help fill the baskets for local families.

But help arrived.

"People have just reached into their hearts and their pocketbooks – it's just amazing," reported project director Helena Helmold, as her group prepared to hand out holiday food baskets yesterday at a local union hall. "We're going to make it."

Helmold said the group expected to hand out about 700

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Beers tapped for city council

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Last week, it was once again "Time for Beers" – to borrow from a campaign button printed for West Sacramento City Councilman Wes Beers back in the '90s.

By a 3-0 vote with one abstention, Beers was selected Thursday from among a final list of ten candidates to fill a vacancy on the West Sacramento City Council. He was sworn in the same evening.

The council had interviewed the ten finalists in an unusual public process before their decision. Then Mayor Christopher Cabaldon and council members Oscar Villegas and Carolyn Castillo Pierson opted to pick Beers to fill the slot. Their council colleague, Bill Kristoff, abstained, explaining that he did not want to vote against Beers, but had favored another candidate – Charles Moore, whom Kristoff had appointed to the city planning commission.

Beers was then sworn in for the remaining two years of the seat's term. The vacancy was created last month, when Cabaldon gave up the council seat to assume the position of West Sacramento's first elected mayor. Some in the community had called for the council to call for a special election in June to fill the seat, instead of using the appointment process. But the council – with Kristoff dissenting – had opted for the appointment process instead.

Beers served on the council from 1990 to 1998, including two terms as the city's mayor.

"I really felt, based on the discussion the council was having about the criteria for this position, that I could offer what they were looking for," he told the News-Ledger yesterday. "I had the experience to step in and make an impact, and I have absolutely no interest in running again when the term ends. My view is that when the council selected me, they were really looking for what was best for the community for the short term."

Wes Beers returned to duty on the West Sacramento City Council on Thursday after being selected from a field of 32 applicants to fill a two-year vacancy. Above, he is flanked by Mayor Christopher Cabaldon (left) and William Kristoff (right). Beers, who said he has no interest in running again when the term expires, last sat on the council in 1998, when city hall was near Park and Stone boulevards.

Photo courtesy of Art Schroeder, City of West Sacramento

Beers called the decision to apply for the post a big one due to the demands of a council seat.

"I don't want to sound corny, but I do believe in public service, and I believe that is what I have to offer the community."

Beers still has his day job as head of the state's child welfare services operation and evaluation branch. He said he has a few specific ideas he'd like to pursue during his next two years on the council.

"I would like to see and be part of the continuing progress of improving downtown and the riverfront," he commented. "Probably, if I have just one area in general I want to pursue, it's that I want to work harder to get the community involved in the process."

He said that at the last Community Day Parade, he saw apathy that needs to be attacked.

"There were probably more people in the parade that were watching the parade," Beers said. "My rote approach to involving people (in civic affairs) is to have more offline focus groups, more informal settings, where people can talk to council members. I want to reemphasize that we need to continue to engage the community in the progress the city is making. There are a lot of new residents."

How has the city changed from where it was when he last served on the council – before the residential building boom or Raley Field?

"I believe the perceptions of the city are different within the region," answered Beers. "There is less of an association of West Sacramento as a 'poor stepchild.' The city has gained in that respect. And there's been a huge growth spurt."

One of the final ten in competition for the appointment was attorney Mark Johannessen, who had also helped the local firefighters and police unions in a petition drive that tried to get the council to call for an election instead of filling the seat by appointment. Supporters say they gathered over 1,600 signatures asking for an election.

Johannessen said yesterday he still felt the council majority (Cabaldon, Castillo Pierson and Villegas) should have listened to that call.

"I think there was enough of a movement of the people to have whoever filled that slot be elected," said Johannessen. "A lot of people were expecting it to happen, and it didn't."

Johannessen added that the final interviews were based around four questions, and ended up allowing no "closing statement" for candidates to bring up pet issues.

"To say, 'we can't have a vacancy for long because there are a lot of important issues,' and then not have a process that allows these issues to come out – that doesn't make sense."

But he said that he did see an "up" side to the selection of Beers for the post, given Beers's experience and promise not to seek reelection.

"The fear was (that the appointee) was going to gain the power of incumbency for the next election, and he has said he is not interested," said Johannessen of Beers. "And the nice thing is he has been around the community and the choice of him is going to be least traumatic for the council."

Johannessen has set his own sights on 2006.

Database of local sex offenders: now available online

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Finding out who the registered sex offenders are in West Sacramento – and in some cases exactly where they live – just got easier. The "Megan's Law" information is now available online, at the California Attorney General's website. You can visit the database at http://meganslaw.ca.gov or http://ag.ca.gov/meganslaw.

Visitors to the site can search for a listing by city, by ZIP code or by distance from a certain address such as your own home.

A reporter's visit to the website yesterday turned up mixed results from the site, which is possibly being overwhelmed by visitor's requests. A searched turned up listings for 95 different sex offenders within city limits in this city of about 40,000 people. Searches showed fellow Yolo County towns Woodland (51,000 people) and Davis (over 60,000 residents) had 89 and 24 registered sex offenders respectively.

But attempts to use the database to find all offenders within a radius of a specific address were apparently more than the system could handle yesterday. Lieutenant David Farmer of the West Sacramento Police Department said he was aware of the website trouble.

"The problem is it is hard to get onto," said Farmer. "It was just overloaded. I think I heard that the first day it went online this month, there were something like three million inquiries."

Farmer also warned that some of the information on offenders and their addresses may be obsolete. The offender may no longer live there. And in other cases, offenders may have moved into West Sacramento without complying with a requirement to report their new address.

"We have gone out in the past and found that some of these people had been returned to prison, some are deceased, and some have not lived there for a long time," said Farmer. "And if they move in and don't comply with the law (by telling the appropriate agency), we wouldn't know it."

The website warns that data on it cannot be used to harass or persecute any of the offenders listed.

"I don't know of any problems we've had in the past with vigilante action," Farmer commented.

Until this month, "Megan's Law" information was available to those willing to go in to a local police station and ask for a search. Now, the information is open to anyone with an internet connection.

The California Department of Justice reports that the website holds information on over 63,000 registered sex offenders, including those still incarcerated. Names, descriptions and most recent ZIP code are among the data available for them – home addresses are provided for 33,500 "of the state's most serious sex offenders."

A quick perusal of those listed in West Sacramento includes a sampling of every part of town, although areas known for cheap housing, such as West Capitol Avenue, seem to have more than their share of offenders in residence.

Thoughts to ponder; husband-shopping & excuses

Below you will find just a few of the interesting "humor nuggets" which have been recently passed along to me by readers of this column. And as always, they are very much appreciated.

A few thoughts to ponder:

"When I die, I want to go like my grandfather did -- who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car." Author unknown

"If life were fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead." Johnny Carson

"If you have a lot of tension in your life and you get a headache, you should do what it says on the aspirin bottle: Take two aspirin -- and keep away from children." Author unknown

"So, you hate your job? There's a support group for that. It's called *Everybody*, and they meet all the time at the bar." Drew Carey

"Relationships are hard. It's like a full time job and we should treat it that way. If your boyfriend or girlfriend wants to leave you, they should give you at least two weeks' notice. There should be severance pay, and they should also have to find you a temp." Bob Ettinger

"Sometimes I think war is God's way of teaching us geography." Paul Rodriguez

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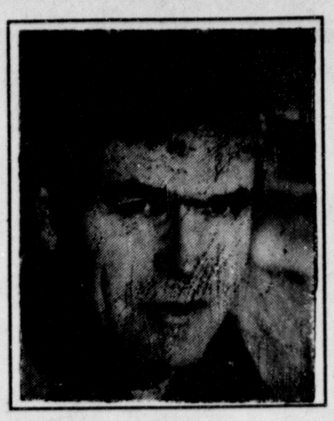

By Daryl Fisher

Shopping for a good husband:

A multi-level store that sells husbands has just opened in Ottawa, Canada, where a woman may go to choose a husband from among many men on display. The store is comprised of six floors, and the men increase in positive attributes as the shopper ascends the flights. There is, however, a catch. As you open the elevator door to any floor you may choose a man from that floor, but if you go up a floor, you cannot go back down except to exit the building.

So a woman goes to the shopping center to find a husband.

Floor 1: These men have jobs. The woman reads the sign and says to herself, "Well, that's certainly better than my last boyfriend, but I wonder what's further up?" So she up she goes.

Floor 2: These men have jobs and love kids. The woman remarks to herself, "That's really great, but I wonder what's further up?" And again, up she goes.

Floor 3: These men have jobs, love kids, and are extremely good looking. "Hmmm, this is getting really good -- I wonder what's further upstairs?" And up she goes.

Floor 4: These men have jobs, love kids, are extremely good looking and actually help with the housework. "Wow!" she exclaims. "Very tempting indeed to stop my husband shopping at this floor, but there must be more if there's two more floors to go." And up another flight she goes.

Floor 5: These men have jobs, love kids, are extremely good looking, help with the housework, love chick flicks, have a strong romantic streak and can cook. "Oh, mercy me!" shouts the woman. "But just think what must be awaiting me on the sixth and final floor!" And up she bravely goes.

Floor 6: With her heart pounding with anticipation as the 6th floor elevator door opens, a recorded male voice says, "You are visitor 3,456,789,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. It exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please. Thank you for shopping at Husband-Mart and have a nice day."

Real notes sent by parents to their child's school:

"My son is under a doctor's care and should not take P.E. today. Please execute him."

"Dear School: Please ekscuse John being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and also 33."

"Please excuse Gloria from Jim today. She is administrating."

"Please excuse Roland from P.E. for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip."

"Carlos was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He was hurt in the growing part."

"Please excuse Mary for being absent yesterday. She was in bed with gramps."

"Please excuse Ray Friday from school. He has very loose vowels."

"Please excuse Tommy for being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea and his boots leak."

"Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was his father's fault."

"Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it Monday, we thought it was Sunday."

"My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spend the weekend with the Marines."

"Maryann was absent December 11-16 because she had a fever, sore throat, headache and upset stomach. Her sister and brother had a fever, too. There must be something going around. Her father even got hot last night."

"Janet was absent yesterday because she missed her bust."

Joke of the week: Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would like them to say?"

Artie said, "I would like them to say he was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Eugene said, "I would like them to say he was a wonderful teacher and father and he made a huge difference in peoples lives."

Don said, "I'd like them to say, `Hey, look, he's moving!"

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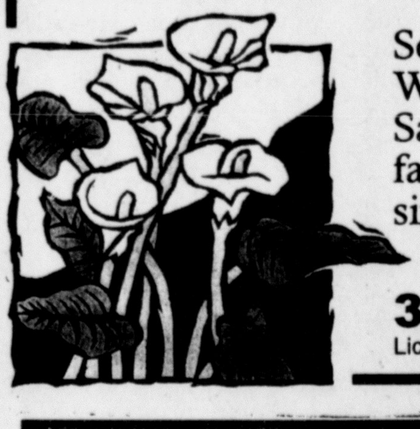

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Angelina (Angie) Pesavento Dotson

Angie Dotson was born in Sarcedo, Italy on September 18, 1906 and passed away on December 15, 2004. She arrived in America at age seven and moved to Bryte, California after her marriage in 1932. She was preceded in death by her husband, John (Sonny) Lloyd Dotson; her brothers, Joe and John Pesavento; and her sister, Mary Starr.

Angie lived in Bryte for 65 years and worked at the Bryte Post Office for 28 years and had wonderful memories of all the people she had known. She was a charter member of Chapter 1431 Woman's Order of the Moose and the Holy Cross Altar Society.

She will be sorely missed by her loving and devoted son, Ken Dotson, and his wife Jeanne; and grandchildren Elizabeth (Rick) Brunton, Sandy Dotson and Kenneth R. (Doreen) Dotson. Angie is also survived by her great grandchildren, Jodi, Kari and Billy, as well as her great-great grandchildren, Anthony and her namesake, Angelina.

The family wishes to express gratitude to the Almond Residence Club and Mercy Hospice for their kindness and loving care of Angie.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Church at 800 Todhunter Avenue in West Sacramento on December 30, 2004 at 10 a.m. Donations can be made to Mercy Hospice or the Holy Cross Elementary School.

Virginia Catherine Turner

Virginia Turner was born on July 28, 1923 in Winters, CA to James A. and Marian E. Birmingham, and passed away on December 17, 2004 in Sacramento CA at the age of 81. She was a 51 year resident of West Sacramento and is survived by her husband of 60 years, Harold B. Turner; daughters Joan Mulder of Sacramento and Cathy Baker of Clarksburg; sons David (Barbara) Turner of Sacramento and Philip

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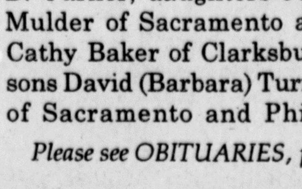

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200 'coats for kids'

Santa (whose visit was arranged by close associate Tom Martin) visited the Ferndale Circle home of Loren Alander on Saturday night as part of a Christmas party and a coat drive.

Visitors to the house collected over 200 coats to donate to the News 10 "Coats for Kids" program.

Pictured above is Santa with four-year old friend, Kyle.

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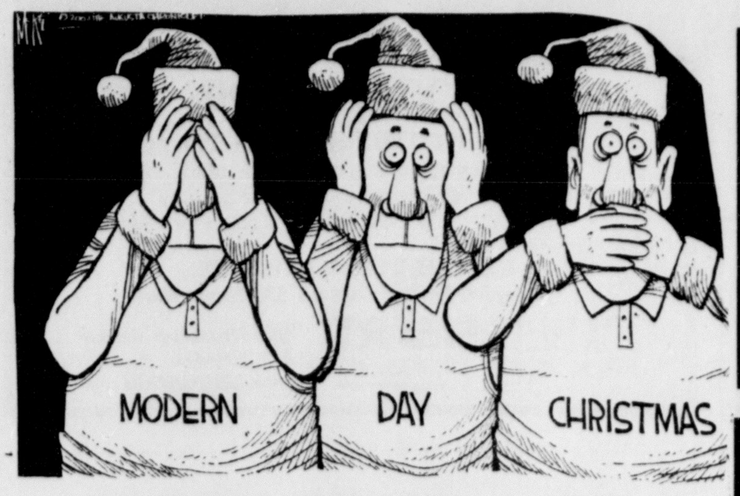
such baskets on Monday and Tuesday – enough to feed about 3,000 people a special holiday meal. The meals include a turkey or chicken (depending on family size) and all the trimmings – enough for a good Christmas dinner. The final items for those baskets became possible when a large number of locals heard about the cash crunch, and did something about it.

"We got $1,864 from the Rotary Club – they passed the hat. The Center for Spiritual Awareness came up with $1,000. PG&E came up with some money. The guy from Harbor Winery made a donation – he said he just couldn't see people going hungry. All Phase Security came up with a check for $500, plus they donated toys and diapers – it was overwhelming. Krum & Krum (a food distribution company) gave us five pallets of stuff – that's pallets, not boxes. One local couple walked in here, and within an hour, wrote a check for $200. It is overwhelming. It reminds you why we choose to live in West Sacramento."

Safeway, which sold the turkey, chickens and milk at a deep discount to the Christmas Basket Project, threw in a bunch of extra donated items as well.

"Those guys are fantastic," said Helmold.

The good news means that the West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project may even have the resources to feed a few more local families in need. If your family needs help putting a holiday meal on the table, or if you know of a family that does, call 372-3360.



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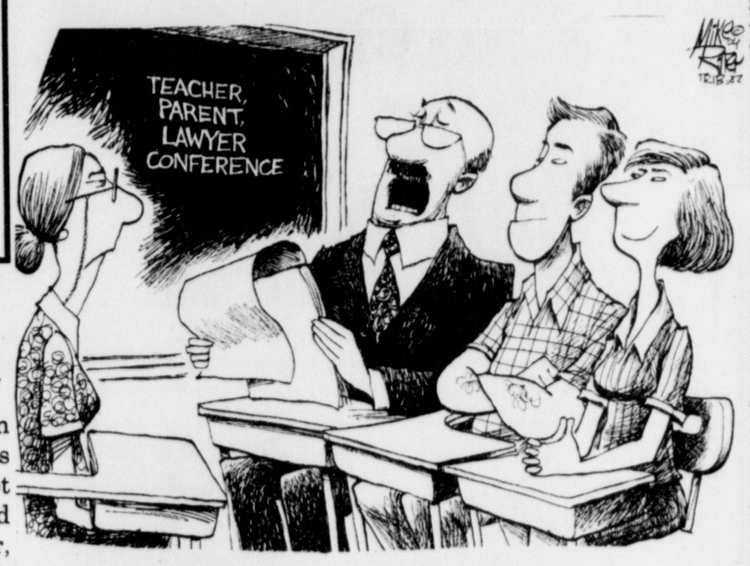

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Sports QUIZ

by Chris Richcreek

1. Major-league pitchers Roger Clemens, Burt Hooton, Calvin Schiraldi and Greg Swindell all attended the same college. Which one was it?
2. Name the last visiting team before the 2003 Florida Marlins to clinch a World Series title at Yankee Stadium?
3. How many times have the Baltimore Ravens won a division title?
4. Name the five Division I schools that have had a team in both the men's and women's basketball Final Four in the same season.
5. Who was the last American NHL coach to reach the Stanley Cup Finals before Tampa Bay's John Tortorella did it in 2004?
6. Who was the first boxer to win three Olympic gold medals?
7. In the past six British Opens held at Royal Troon, an American golfer has won each time. Name at least four of the golfers.

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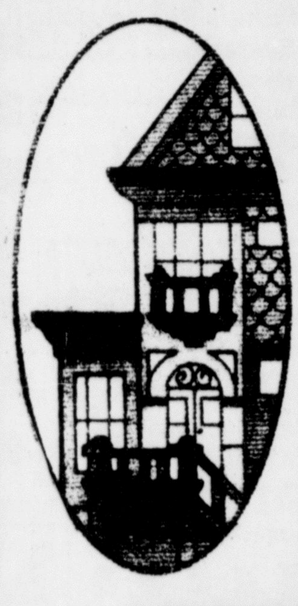

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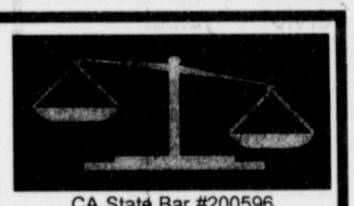

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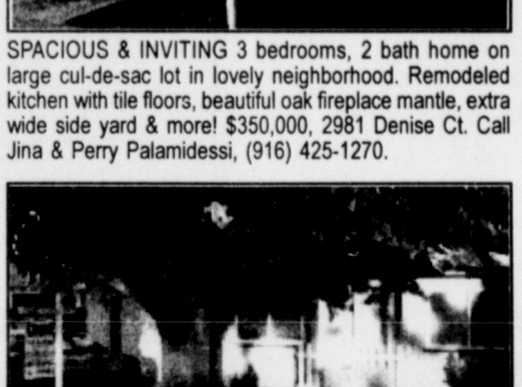

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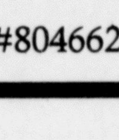

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Trinity Presbyterian Church 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 Service: Sunday at 10 a.m. including children's programs.	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. (near Todhunter) Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS Sat. Vigil 5 p.m. (English) Sunday 9 (English) Noon & 7 p.m. (Spanish) Mon 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish), Fri. 8:30 a.m. Call 371-1211	**First Southern Baptist Church** Rev. Gregory W. Kirk Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship 11am Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111
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Center for Spiritual Awareness 1020 W. Capitol Ave., 374-9177 Sun. services 8:30, 10 & 11 am Meditation room opens 30 minutes prior to services. Praise & worship 15 min. prior Junior church for all ages at 10 am & 11:45 am	**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** 2667 Linden Road Bishop Ray Jackson, (916) 372-1113 Sunday Meeting Times: Sacrament Meeting, 9 a.m. PUBLIC WELCOME!	**New Discovery Christian Church** Meets at Southport Elementary School 2747 Linden Road at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jerry Green (916) 600-3784

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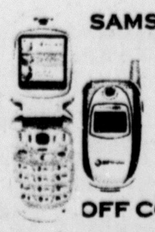
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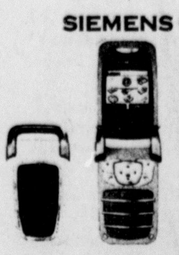
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Police log

Dec. 17, 1 p.m.

On Fifth Street, an officer stopped a subject who had been lighting fires, and who had a history of lighting fires. The subject was taken to a Woodland hospital for psychiatric evaluation.

Dec. 17, 4 p.m.

A 50-year old West Sacramento man solicited an undercover officer on prostitution detail and offered money for sex. The man also offered drugs to the police "decoy." The man then drove to a location arranged to consummate the relationship and was arrested. A controlled substance was later found in his motel room.

Dec. 17, 9:30 p.m.

A 24-year old man drove into the exit lane of an Evergreen apartment complex and accelerated past a police car. The officer approached the man as the man then readied himself to urinate against a building. The man said that he had only been drinking one beverage – an open container found in his car – but an officer believed he did not satisfactorily perform a sobriety test when asked. The man was booked.

Dec. 17, 2:05 p.m.

A 46-year old Marysville man repeatedly drove by the site of a police prostitution decoy on West Capitol, and loitered near the undercover officer. The man contacted the decoy, then left, but was arrested.

Dec. 18, 1:20 a.m.

An officer contacted a 50-year old West Sacramento man and 33-year old Sacramento woman near a Halyard Drive motel room. The man had a stun-gun in his possession. A search of the room turned up materials "consistent with cocaine" along with unprescribed medications, drug paraphernalia, and a 12" knife. A five year old boy was in the room. There was residue and fumes from recent drug use. The man had $1,924 in cash in his possession. Both adults were arrested.

Dec. 18, 11:40 a.m.

On the 3400-block of Industrial Blvd., three cars were reported burglarized and office equipment was reported stolen.

Dec. 18, 2:15 p.m.

A Carmel Bay Rd. man reported that someone had opened a bank account his (the reporting party's) personal information.

Dec. 18, 7:08 p.m.

Near Westacre Road and Meadow Road, a (possibly) brown 1970s Chevrolet Nova fled the scene after a hit-and-run accident that sent four people to the hospital with injuries from minor to moderate.

Dec. 18, 10:50 p.m.

Citizens reported hearing shots fired near 11th Street and Meadow Road. At Rose Court, police found seven .38 caliber shell casings. A party was going on nearby at the home of a gang member on 11th Street.

Dec. 19, 8 a.m.

A 41-year old West Sacramento woman was contacted for possible prostitution activity on the 3300-block of West Capitol. She was found to have parole violations warrants. She was booked.

Dec. 19, 9:05 a.m.

Officers were dispatched to a hit-and-run near Riverbank and Bryte Ave., where a vehicle was located nearby. The pickup truck had gone through a fence and over a lawn, damaging both. The property owner was notified and the vehicle was towed away.

Dec. 19, 12:13 p.m.

An officer contacted a security firm, which reported finding an unoccupied stolen car. The 1974 Buick was recovered and towed from near Douglas and Lighthouse.

Dec. 19, 4:40 p.m.

An officer was dispatched to the scene of a disturbance at a motel on the 4700-block of West Capitol. A woman at the scene gave an officer a false name and date of birth, and said she "didn't have to" give him her real identity. She was arrested and jailed.

Dec. 19, 5 p.m.

An officer was dispatched to a West Capitol Ave. store, where a 40-year old homeless woman was being held for shoplifting. She also had an outstanding warrant, and was booked.

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OBITUARIES from p. 2

(Kris) Turner of Woodland; grandchildren Henri, Dennis and Theresa Mulder; Amber, Autumn, Elaine and Danah Turner; Jay and Jack Christopher Baker; and brother James F. Birmingham of Sacramento.

Virginia was the matriarch of Family Services' 1989 Sacramento area Family of the Year. She was a past organizing member of the Yolo County Juvenile Justice Committee; board member and past president of the Yolo County Museum; member and past secretary of Our Lady of Grace Italian Catholic Federation; founder of the Potted Planters of West Sacramento; and member of the Golden Years Club and East Yolo Friends of the Library. She volunteered as a substitute teacher in the 1950's at the former Saint Joseph's School and worked as a librarian in the 1970's at Westacre School. Virginia was also an avid gardener; her garden won her the Residential Landscape "Beauty in Progress" award from the City of West Sacramento.

Friends and family are invited to attend a Rosary on December 27, 2004 at 7 p.m. at River Cities Funeral Chapel, 910 Soule Street in West Sacramento, and a Funeral Mass on December 28, 2004 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church, 911 Park Boulevard. After the Mass there will be a celebration of her life and accomplishments at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever Street in West Sacramento. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Virginia's name for an arts program at Our Lady of Grace School, 1990 Linden Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

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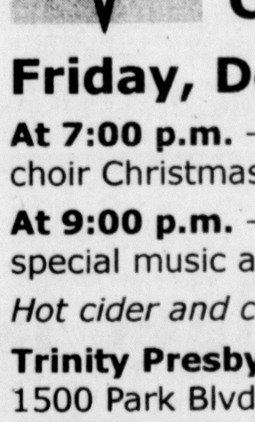
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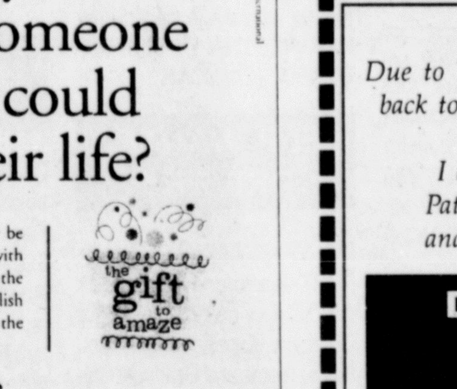
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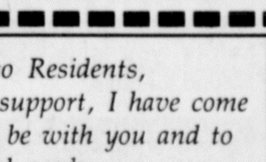
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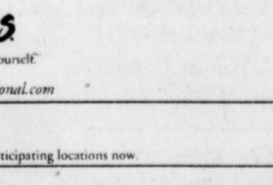

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CALIFORNIA COTTAGE: Great opportunity for this 2 bdrm cottage on Maryland Ave., West Sacto. Converted garage for extra room, or change it back to garage. Newer thermal pane windows, central heat/air, screened patio room, newer roof, updated bathroom. Super location: walk to bus, shopping, parks -- but if you're reading this, you already know that! Special financing up to 100% $279,999. Pick up the phone and call JOHN KANE - Parkside Property, (916) 373-5300.

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HELP WANTED

Park Maintenance Aide - City of West Sacramento. $7.49-10.00/hr. For complete info + job flyer, send SASE, indicating position to HR, 1110 W. Capitol Ave., W. Sacto., CA 95691 or visit at www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us. Final Filing Date: 2/15/05.

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Preschool Teacher - City of West Sacramento. $11.82-$14.37/hr. (Temp, PT) Req's HS dipl or equiv + min 12 sem units of early childhood educ; Assoc deg pref. + 3 yrs exper. For complete info, send SASE, indicating position to HR, 1110 W. Capitol Ave., W. Sacto., CA 95691. Continuous until filled.

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Student Intern - Recreation Division, City of West Sacramento. $10.44-11.36/hr. Req's Jr-Grad level in college/univ. Send SASE, indicate position to HR, 1110 W. Capitol Ave., W. Sacto., CA 95691. Continuous until filled.

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Let everyone sweep in front of his own door and the whole world will be clean.

—Goethe

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OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Congratulations!

I would first like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. This is the season and we should celebrate it.

I would like to congratulate Barry Kalar, Mary Leland and David Westin for their successful elections to the W.U.S.D. Board of Education. I wish them the best and hope they continue what was going well and change what needed changing. Knowing these people as well as I do I believe they will be independent of the forces that brought them in, and they will do what is right and best, not political.

Again, congratulations to the winners and a Merry Christmas to all.

KARL MACHSCHEFES
West Sacramento

Southport water bonds

Once again the city council has sent out a notice for utility rate increases. Carefully read the one on water rate increases. The pie diagram at the bottom of the page shows that 66% of the water bill proposed for all of the citizens of West Sacramento is now in two massive water bonds. They were passed by the city council, without your approval, to cover the needs of the massive residential boom in Southport. The money from these bonds is being spent on the major truck lines, the multi-million gallon storage tanks and some increase in the water treatment plant capacity, all for the people of Southport.

Before this building boom, the city council was trying to attract a waste paper recycling plant to locate in the port district. In a series of city council meetings it was stated that our water system had 7,000,000 surplus gallons per day available and the paper plant only required 3,500,000. This plant never came to our city, so 7,000,000 was available to the core people north of the barge canal. There was no need for more water supply and no need for these two massive bonds. ($75 million now and $150 million by the time they are paid off). There is no reason why we should pay for Southport's needs.

It also should be noted that Oscar Villegas and Carolyn Pierson live in Southport and as council members should not be allowed to vote on this rate increase because of conflict of interest. Their debts and obligations would be transferred to those north of the barge canal who have no interest in Southport and really no interest in paying their bills.

A special assessment district should be formed for Southport so they can pay for their needs and their bonds.

RODNEY & LOU WATSON
West Sacramento

Thanks!

West Sacramento Firefighters and Santa Claus are winding up the Christmas season. Firefighters distributed 14,000 candy canes over a six night run through the streets of West Sacramento with Santa. They collected 12 pickup loads of food, donated by gracious residents and then distributed the bounty to several local food basket organizations for distribution.

California State Teachers Association once again out did themselves, volunteering hundreds of hours of collecting gifts and wrapping of the gifts for our local children. These gifts are personalized by Santa to each child and distributed to the addresses by the West Sacramento Firefighters.

Once again it was a wonderful and Merry Christmas in West Sacramento thanks to everyone who participated in the Spirit of Christmas. Thank you everyone from the West Sacramento Firefighters.

WEST SACRAMENTO FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
West Sacramento

Against new apartments

The city of West Sacramento sent most of the residents of Arlington Oaks a letter this week advising them of the planned development of an apartment complex on our front door. (The parcel located on the northwest intersection of Devon and Gateway). These apartments will not only invade our privacy, but lower the value of our parcels. They are three story apartments that will overlook our neighborhood, their residents will have almost 600 parking spaces, and we all know you can't find anywhere to park in any apartment complex in this region, so they will park on our streets, which unlike Park Boulevard, have not been repaved since their construction in 1952.

There will be access and egress onto Jefferson Boulevard, both I assume southbound only, what a recipe for disaster, not even addressing fire or emergency services for the people who will live there, but endangering out neighborhoods, for no reason other than greed.

Again I say when does length of residence count, and when will the city stop ignoring us? What do we have to do? 1,600 signatures for a democratic election were ignored by most of the city council, so if anyone has any idea how to stop Cabaldonism, cronyism, and just flat out bad government, let me know. I would like to help.

JIMMIE L. MANERCHIA
West Sacramento

Ideas for Wes Beers

On December 16th the city council chose former member

Please see LETTERS, p. 10

Holiday Energy Cheer Spread some

Save *Money* and *Energy* this Holiday Season!

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❄ Replace your old, dangerous strings of Holiday lights with strings of *energy efficient LED Holiday lights* that can *save you over $950* over ten years

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WEST SACRAMENTO TREE PROGRAM

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DIANNE LEA JOHNSON CASE NUMBER PB04-294

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Dianne Lea Drew and Dianne Lea Johnson:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Peggy L. Drew in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Peggy L. Drew be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 3, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 11, 812 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a "Request for Special Notice" (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A "Request for Special Notice" form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner:
/s/Peggy Drew
1920 Proctor Ave
West Sacramento CA 95691
(916) 371-3720

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WEST SACRAMENTO PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

The January 6, 2005 meeting of the West Sacramento Planning Commission has been cancelled.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on January 20, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento.

Dec 15

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 8, 2004
File No. 2004-1245

The following person is doing business as Car-Mil Partnership, 24640 Co. Rd. 22A, Esparto:

J. Randy & Sharon Miller, 24710 Co. Rd. 22A, Esparto CA 95627; Brian & Amy Carpenter, 24640 Co. Rd. 22A, Esparto CA 95627.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/3/02.

/s/Sharon Miller

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec. 8, 2004
by: /s/Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 27, 2004
File No. 2004-1088

The following person is doing business as Joes Trucking, 1084 Power Circle, Woodland CA 95695:

Joseph R. Chand, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/27/04.

/s/Joseph R. Chand

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County of Yolo
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Date: Dec. 8, 2004
by: /s/Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Nov. 12 2004
2002-443

The following persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name Gene K & Carrol A. Cartwright DBA Sherwood Harbor Marina & RV Park, located at 3505 S. River Road, West Sacramento CA 95691.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on 11/2/1983.

Gene K. Cartwright and Carrol A. Cartwright, 3505 S. River Rd., W. Sac. CA 95691.

This business was conducted by husband and wife.

Nov. 12, 2004
/s/Ava Woodard, Deupty Clerk
State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, County Clerk/ Recorder

Dec 8 15 22 29

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 19, 2004
File No. 2004-1170

The following person is doing business as The Panorama House, 335 Metro Lane, West Sacramento CA 95605:

Amy Joy Flanigan and Paul Flanigan, 335 Metro Ln, West Sacramento CA 95605.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/19/04.

/s/Amy Joy Flanigan
/s/Paul Flanigan

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Nov. 19, 2004
by: /s/ , Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 23, 2004
File No. 2004-1186

The following person is doing business as Timberwood Custom Cabinets, 2959 Promenade, Ste. 100, West Sacramento CA 95691:

John M. Zonneveld, Jr., 2095 Davis Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/78. Previous fictitious business name number 99-885.

/s/John M. Zonneveld Jr.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Nov 23, 2004
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 16, 2004
File No. 2004-1158

The following person is doing business as The Wash Mill – Winters, at 211 First Street, Winters CA 95694:

Randy & Sharon Miller, 24710 Co. Rd. 22A, Esparto CA 95627; Brian & Amy Carpenter, same address.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/1/04.

/s/Amy Carpenter

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Nov. 16, 2004
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of ANTHONY MICHAEL ANDERSON, Minor.
NO. JV-04-00345
CITATION

TO: All Persons Claiming to Be the Father:

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on March 1, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Wendy Anderson on August 17, 2004. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 12-7-2004
/s/JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

1. Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at 2:00PM, Thursday, January 27, 2005, at the office of PMA, Inc., for the Drainage Pump Station – D-49 Improvements for the Metro Air Park project in Sacramento County, California.

2. Pre-Bid Meeting: The meeting will be held at 8:00AM, Wednesday, January 5, 2005, at the easterly end of North Bayou Road. Attendance is not mandatory. General contractors, subcontractors and suppliers are welcome to attend to witness potholing operations and/or ask questions related to the bid.

3. Plans & Specifications: Will be available December 22, 2004 at the office of PMA, Inc., for a non-refundable cost of $500 for the first set of documents and plans, and $100 for each additional set of plans. These funds will be used to help offset reproduction costs for plans and bid documents and to pay a contractor for potholing operations at the January 5th Pre-Bid meeting. Make check payable to PMA, Inc.

4. Scope of Work: The construction of a storm drain pump station with all appurtenances including intake, discharge and outfall structures, site work, earthwork, access road, electrical control building and emergency generator.

5. Bonds: Bid bonds, Performance bonds and Payment bonds will be required for the project.

6. Prevailing Wages: Contractors performing work on this project must pay prevailing wages and submit certified payrolls.

7. License Requirements: Contractors submitting bids for this work must possess a Class A General Engineering License.

Questions: Contact John Rutherford, PMA, Inc., at (916) 375-0200. PMA's address is 1550 Harbor Blvd., Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Dec. 22

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Drop the question what tomorrow may bring, and count as profit every day that fate allows you.
—Horace

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Always listen to experts. They'll tell you what can't be done and why. Then do it.
—Robert Heinlein

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Children are the hands by which we take hold of heaven.
—Henry Ward Beecher

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It wasn't until late in life that I discovered how easy it is to say I don't know.
—W. Somerset Maugham

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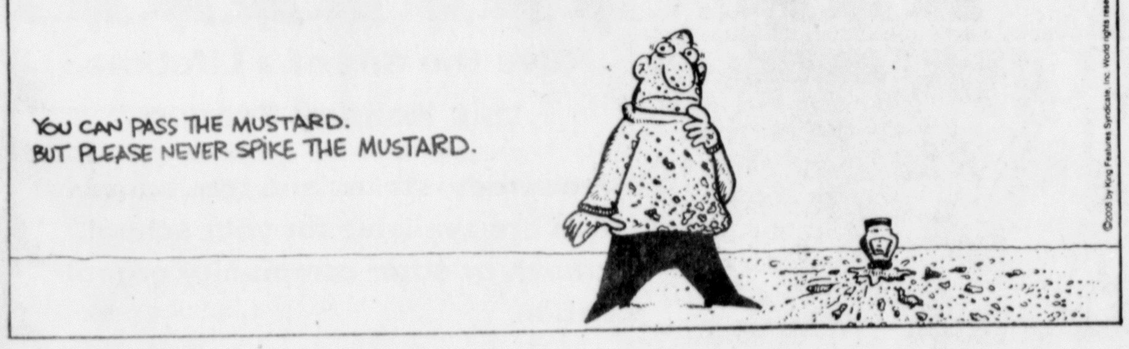

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72 Zones
74 Third degree?
75 Panel of peers
77 SHAEF commander
78 Letters of credit?
79 Johnny Horton hit
80 WWII unit
81 Dock of the bay
84 Put the whammy on
85 Galileo's birthplace
87 Heidi's hangout
89 Racer Luyendyk
90 Nocturnal visitor
92 Subway unit
95 Merit
97 It's a long story
98 Caustic
99 Conversation pieces?
100 Gleam
101 Clerical title
103 Excludes
106 Smith or Sandler
108 ER exclamation
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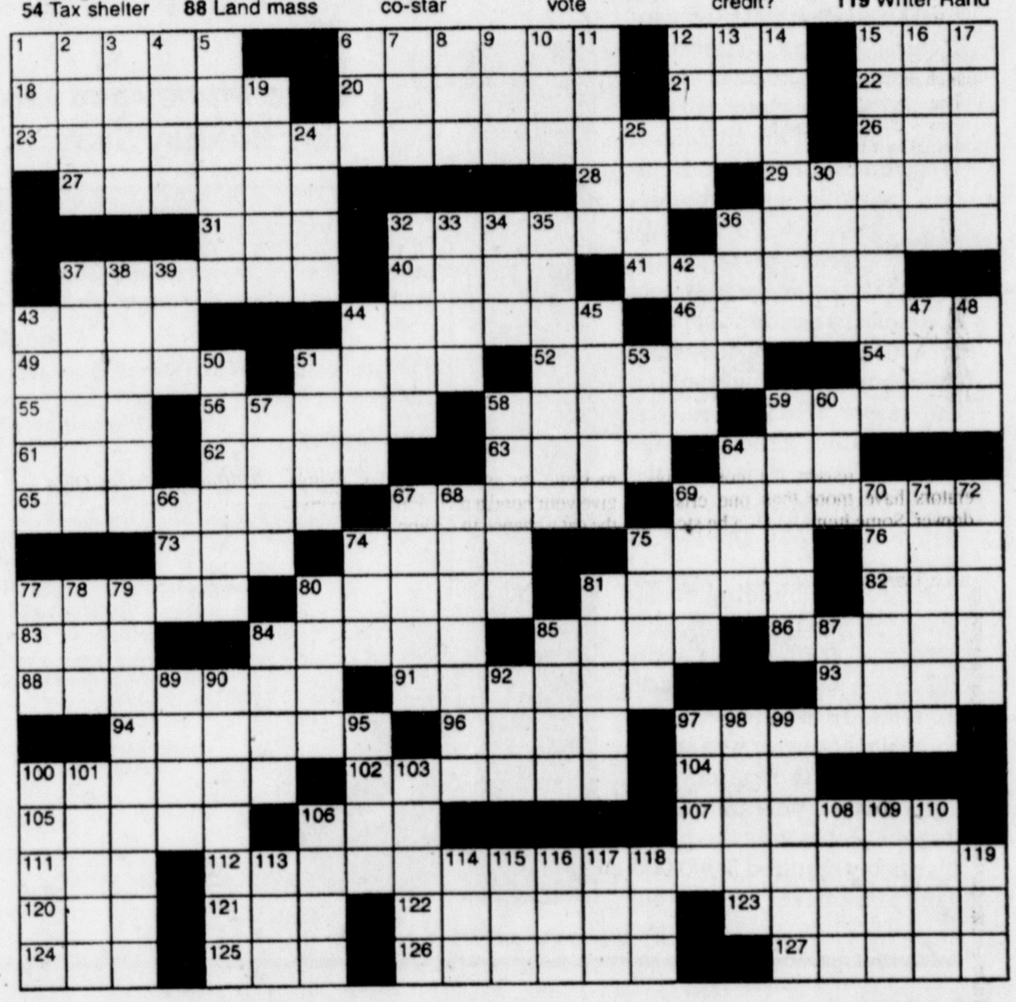
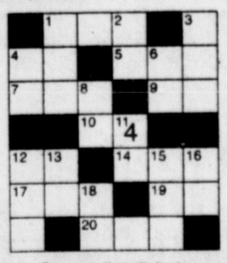


Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. Three times 8-Down
4. Ten more than 13-Down
5. 20-Across plus 12-Down
7. Consecutive digits in ascending order
9. Consecutive digits in descending order
10. One-third of 11-Down
12. One less than 9-Across
14. Sixty more than 15-Down
17. Eight less than 5-Across
19. Three times 13-Down
20. Seventy more than 3-Down

DOWN
1. One-fifth of 17-Across
2. 10-Across plus 4-Down
3. Consecutive digits in descending order
4. Three more than 16-Down
6. 9-Across plus 19-Across
8. Six more than 18-Down
11. Digits of 4-Down reversed
12. Digits of 1-Across reversed
13. 12-Across minus 10-Across
15. One-third of 7-Across
16. Six less than 4-Across
18. Same digit repeated

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CRITIC'S CORNER
By DNA Smith

"Blade: Trinity"

Running time: 105 minutes
MPAA rating: R

Midway through "Blade: Trinity," Jessica Biel has a shower scene. Do we get to see anything? Nope. You'd think in an R-rated movie, we'd see ... something. Heck, Biel has shown more skin in the pages of Maxim than she does in this scene. And that, in a nutshell, is what "Blade: Trinity" is — a lot of anticipation and no payoff.

The film stars Wesley Snipes as Blade, an ice-in-the-veins vampire hunter with a samurai sword, leather trench coat and MC Hammer hairdo. A group of vampires (led by Parker Posey) has set up Blade for the murder of a human. So now, in addition to having to fight the entire vampire underground, our hero is also being hunted by the cops. And with that hairdo of his, he isn't hard to spot, so the cops capture him.

Blade is rescued by Biel and Ryan Reynolds, who play the leaders of a team of 20-something vampire hunters. What starts out as a gritty and promising sequel to a dark, violent movie franchise immediately downshifts into a bad episode of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" once these two show up. Blade stops being the lone, savage stalker of the undead and instead winds up playing the straight man to a bunch of smart-alecky kids.

The kids have discovered that Posey's character has resurrected the original vampire: Dracula. Supposedly, Dracula is the biggest and baldest vamp of them all, but when you see him, he's just some puffy sack of Euro trash. There are baristas at Starbucks who are more intimidating.

Naturally, Blade and the Scooby Gang have to hunt down and kill Dracula. And, not to spoil it for ya, but ... the good guys win.

"Blade: Trinity" is a letdown on so many levels. The first offense is that writer/director David Goyer betrays the character of Blade and the entire tone of the series by trying to turn it into a comedy. Blade is supposed to be the focus of the movie, not the hapless foil of a bunch of snot-nosed wiseacres. Goyer also rehashes a lot of plot devices from the first two films and, with the exception of the opening fight scenes, the battles in the movie are just plain dull to watch.

Wesley Snipes

And worst of all is the blatant and shameless product placement. I know that virtually every film these days has product placement, but in "Blade: Trinity" the film grinds to a halt so that we can have a scene where Jessica Biel loads mp3s from her Apple computer onto her iPod before going out to hunt vampires.

If this is the direction these films are going, then I think it's time to drive a stake into the Blade franchise.

GRADE: D

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CELEBRITY extra

by Evelyn Green

Q. Evelyn, please, I need your help. Since I retired and got DirecTV, I've been able to see a lot of shows (in rerun). One of my favorites is "JAG." I really adored the man who played the part of Aussie Mic. My friend said that she saw that he had died. Please say it ain't so! Tell me all you can about him. Thank you so much. — *Dot T., Rome, Ga.*

A. Dot, I am sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but Trevor Goddard (Lt. Cmdr. Michael "Mic" Brumby on "JAG") passed away on June 7, 2003. The cause of death was ruled an accidental drug overdose.

An Englishman by birth, Goddard masqueraded as an Australian to land many roles in Hollywood, including his role in "JAG" and as Kano in "Mortal Kombat." Goddard had just finished filming on "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," when this tragedy occurred. He was in the middle of a divorce from his wife, Ruthann, and is survived by two children. Goddard was 40.

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Q. Could you please answer a question for me? I say that Katey Sagal on "8 Simple Rules" is the same woman that played Peg Bundy on "Married With Children." My brother says that there is no way that can be so. He says there is no resemblance. Please let me know. Thanks! — *Garlena, via e-mail*

A. You are correct, Garlena. Katey Sagal, 50, did indeed play the brash character of Peg Bundy for more than 10 years beginning in the mid-'80s. Perhaps your brother didn't recognize her because of the big, puffy wig she wore for that role. Here's something else your brother may not have known: Sagal entered showbiz as a back-up singer for Gene Simmons, Etta James and Tanya Tucker.

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Q. I would like to know more about Kelly Ripa. Is she single? Where can I write to her? — *Clifford V., Orient, Ohio*

Katey Sagal

A. The 34-year-old star of "Live With Regis and Kelly" has been married to her "All My Children" co-star, Mark Consuelos, since 1996. Together they have three children, Michael, Lola and Joaquin. Aside from the talk show, Ripa also stars on ABC's "Hope and Faith" with Faith Ford. You can contact Ms. Ripa at: Hope & Faith, c/o Silvercup Studios East, 34-02 Starr Ave., 2nd Floor, Long Island City, NY 11101.

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Q. What is Don Johnson doing now? I miss seeing him on television. I heard he remarried. To whom is he married, and does he have any children with her? — *Marie, Merritt Island, Fla.*

A. Since "Nash Bridges" ended in 2001, Johnson, 55, has been keeping busy with several projects. He recently starred with Jeanne Tripplehorn, Sharon Lawrence and John Heard in the made-for-TV movie "Word of Honor," which he also co-executive produced. Johnson has been married to Kelley Phleger since 1999 and together they have two children. As you probably know, Johnson also shares a daughter (Dakota, 15) with first (and second) wife Melanie Griffith, and a son (Jesse, 22) with actress Patti D'Arbanville.

Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Trivia test
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the name of a group of ants?
2. PRESIDENTS: Thomas Jefferson was which president of the United States?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the city of Auckland?
4. ROYALS: For how long was Lady Jane Grey the queen of England?
5. HISTORY: In what century did the Moors first conquer the Iberian Peninsula?
6. U.S. STATES: Which state's motto is "Friendship"?
7. PSYCHOLOGY: "Peniaphobia" is a fear of what?
8. FILM: Who directed and starred in the 1989 movie "Henry V"?
9. LANGUAGE: What is something that is nascent?
10. TELEVISION: On the TV show "Ed," the title character combined what two jobs?

Answers

1. Colony
2. Third
3. New Zealand
4. Nine days
5. Eighth century
6. Texas
7. Poverty
8. Kenneth Branagh
9. Being born or formed
10. Lawyer and owner of a bowling alley

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PREP: 15 minutes
MAKES: 6 servings

- *2 kiwifruit, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch chunks*
- *1 large ripe mango, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch chunks*
- *1 can (8 ounces) pineapple chunks in juice, drained*
- *1/2 cup sweetened flaked coconut*
- *1 tablespoon fresh lime juice*
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Now here's a tip!
by Jo Ann Derson

• There is a reason that most refrigerators have more than one crisper drawer. Some items need to be stored separately. For example, keep apples and carrots in different compartments. The apples give off a gas that can give the carrots a bitter taste.

• Here's a great tip from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. They can be hurt or even killed by the starting of the motor. Before you start your car in the morning (or any time of day, really) give your hood a nice, loud rap to give the cat a chance to escape.

• "To keep melting snow, mud and leaves out of your house and off of your floors, line a wide, shallow box bottom with plastic wrap or a kitchen-size garbage bag. Place the lined box near the front door to hold dirty shoes." — R.I. in Ohio

• Apply lemon juice to the cut surface of an apple to prevent browning.

• "Mix some salt with a little bit of water and rub the mixture over your hands for a few minutes to get rid of the smell of garlic or onions from cooking. Rinse under cold water." — J.J. in Nevada

Books

Gregory Peck: A Charmed Life
by Lynn Haney
(Carroll & Graf, $26)
Reviewed by Larry Cox

Oscar-winning actor Gregory Peck's first screen test was a disaster. According to a fascinating new biography, Peck's features were large and irregular, his ears didn't seem to match, and technicians found him difficult to light. Despite these problems, he had two important assets: He was lethally handsome, and he could act.

RKO took a chance and cast him as the male lead in the 1944 production of "Days of Glory." His flawless performances, even in difficult roles, established him as one of Hollywood's major talents.

His first outing at RKO was followed by a string of box-office blockbusters. He received Oscar nominations for his roles as a priest in "Keys of the Kingdom," as the nurturing father in "The Yearling," and as a reporter covering anti-Semitism in the 1947 hit "Gentleman's Agreement." He was nominated once again in 1950 for "Twelve O'Clock High" and eventually won two Oscars, one for his sensitive portrayal of attorney Atticus Finch in the 1962 production of "To Kill a Mockingbird" and a second, the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, in 1968.

Author Lynn Haney became friends with Gregory Peck while she was employed at the National Endowment for the Arts, and she had access to many of his friends and colleagues while researching her book. The result is a well-grounded biography that is both detailed and crisply written. She reveals, for example, that Peck had an explosive temper, was entangled in an unfortunate marriage, and battled alcoholism for most of his adult life.

This is a candid assessment of both the late actor and the man behind the image. It is a fitting tribute to Peck, a man who was, without a doubt, one of Hollywood's most distinguished veterans.

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LETTERS from page seven

Wes Beers to complete the two years of Chris Cabaldon's seat he resigned after taking office as West Sac's first directly elected mayor. (If one wonders why 32 applied for the vacancy, one only needs to note the short time and virtually no campaign expenses).

So now that West Beers is back in the saddle again, I suggest we put his unique talents to work thusly: (1) As president of East Yolo Friends of the Library and noting West Sac's lost out on grand funding for a new library, he should take a close look at convincing state lawmakers to change such funding from the local general fund to officially having local libraries become part of our educational system. (2) As an administrator for the state Department of Social Services, he understands the importance of potential employees (without cars) having access to and from jobs, like those going begging in our industrial area. Start with restoration of every other hour YoloBus' #214 service or a subsidized taxi service.

So, Southport and Industrial Park folks, speak up and let YoloBus and the city council know you want restoration of some midday public transit service and some post-peak hour evening service. Write letters if you cannot attend meetings. Help Wes Beers and other city council members do a better job for you by letting them know how you feel about these and other issues.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

Recall mayor & council

It's time to review our mayor and our city council members. West Sacramento became a city in 1987. A good "small town" feeling. No more separation of Broderick and Bryte, but all combined into one "West Sac". So why the separation again with Southport? They are West Sac, too.

Our great city council created this separation again. The growth of this city has been approved by the city council and as long as the money comes out of our pockets and not theirs it doesn't matter how much money is wasted. Millions were spent for the improvement of Harbor Boulevard only to be torn up a year later to install a water line. Jefferson Boulevard was widened to four lanes, back to two lanes, and then back to four. Trenches were dug, pipes installed and three months later they were torn out and gutters were installed. Thousands were spent to re-stripe Park Boulevard and a year later it was torn up and repaved. That's only a few of the many poor judgments that our great city council has approved at our expense. Thousands in wasted money. Our streets are worse now after construction than they were before.

The people of West Sacramento have been misled by it's city council and most of all by it's mayor. Residents were not told that there could not be any more growth because our sewer plant wasn't capable of handling it. Our council made a deal to send our sewage across the river because Natomas needed our land to run their sewer pipes through it. Thousands of new homes and some businesses have been built since the council made that deal. The West Sac sewer plant has been processing all of the sewer waste. So why the lies? We are a self contained premier city that will soon have to depend on another city to process our sewage. That's our great city council for you.

Hundreds of thousands of our dollars have been wasted because of their mistakes and bad decisions. How many more lies and how much more money will have to be wasted before we wise up and get back control of our great city? West Sac is supposed to be a premier city. It's about time we act like one. Our city is getting way out of control with its corrupt politics and we don't need it. The citizens of West Sacramento voted for this council and trusted that it and the mayor would do the best for us and our city. They have not.

A petition was started and more than enough signatures were collected so that the people could vote and decide for themselves who would take the open council seat. It was flat out denied. Not just denied, ignored by our mayor. This shows me, and should show us all that the council does not wish to hear the voice of the people. Has the council ever voted together for our concerns? Certainly not since Cabaldon has been in charge. How much of our hard earned money has to be wasted and how many lies have to be told before we wake up? It's time for a recall of this council and the mayor so that finally, the citizens will have a council who will listen and make better decisions for us, the people of West Sacramento.

KEVIN SCOTT BALLARD
West Sacramento

Ikea opening

I happened to be in Phoenix last month during the week of the grand opening of Ikea in neighboring Tempe. The official opening was the culmination of a huge media blitz inspiring thousands to visit the store and hundreds to wait in line up to six days for prizes awarded when the doors opened.

It was an event the scale Phoenix has never seen. All local TV stations did live broadcasts from the store and their news helicopters hovered over the event much of the week. The long-awaited store attracted folks from all over Arizona who previously had to drive to San Diego to get Ikea's goods.

The nearest freeway interchange had to be closed on opening day for an hour because of multiple accidents caused when chairs flew out of cars leaving the huge store and the same interchange was closed a few days later because of traffic back-up causing a nightmare situation for public safety officials.

Please note that I am delighted Ikea chose West Sacramento and our city leaders did a superb job snatching that plum. I just thought I should warn everyone here what we're in for. Though there are two Ikeas in the Bay Area, I still believe this is going to be a store opening that will break all records and we should prepare ourselves for the possibility of traffic snarls of historic proportions.

CURTIS CARROLL
West Sacramento

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Region's governments formally adopt anti-sprawl 'blueprint'

From the Sacramento Area Council of Governments

In a move that could shape the way the Sacramento region looks in 50 years, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Board of Directors last week adopted a vision for growth that tries to promote more efficient and sustainable development and more transit choices as an alternative to sprawl.

The vision – the product of a two-year, award-winning public involvement effort known as the Sacramento Region Blueprint – is intended to guide land-use and transportation choices over the next 50 years as the region's population grows from its current population of 2 million to include more than 3.8 million people.

"Today, our region's political leaders have taken a step few communities have the foresight or courage to do," SACOG Chair and West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon said. "We've decided to take control of our future, rather than watch from the sidelines as traffic increases, air quality worsens and open space disappears."

The SACOG board's action capped two years of study and public involvement aimed at crafting a comprehensive land use scenario for the region. The scenario adopted today will become part of SACOG's Metropolitan Transportation Plan update for 2005, a formal document that serves as a long-range transportation plan for the six-county region.

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Answers to 'Sports Quiz' (p. 3) and Puzzles (p. 8)

Rational Numbers
answers

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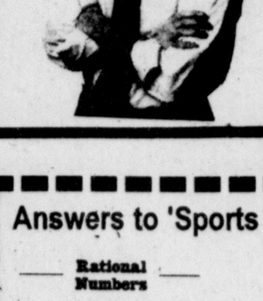

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Differences: 1. Earflap is smaller. 2. Rope loop is missing. 3. Flag is missing. 4. Buttons are missing. 5. Tassel is shorter. 6. Sled is shorter.

Answers

1. All went to the University of Texas.
2. The Los Angeles Dodgers in 1981.
3. Once, in 2003.
4. Georgia (1983), Duke (1999), Oklahoma (2002), Texas (2003) and Connecticut (2004).
5. Ron Wilson of the Washington Capitals in 1998.
6. Hungary's Laszlo Papp (1948, 1952, 1956).
7. Arnold Palmer (1962), Tom Weiskopf (1973), Tom Watson (1982), Mark Calcavecchia (1989), Justin Leonard (1997) and Todd Hamilton (2004).

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Local Scene

Christmas Eve

Trinity Presbyterian Church invites you to a Christmas Eve worship celebration. At 7 p.m. on Friday there will be a family-friendly Christmas pageant with choirs. At 9 p.m., there will be a traditional candlelight worship service with music and carols. Hot cider and cookies after each service. Located at 1500 Park Blvd.; call 371-5875 for information.

Photo history

A photo history book of West Sacramento (including Broderick, Bryte and Southport) since the 1800s is now for sale, thanks to a commission by the West Sacramento Historical Society. For $21.55 (including tax) you can see what the region has looked like over the years – and you may even see a photo of someone you know. Call 371-7678 or 296-5616.

Grant program

The City of West Sacramento is selecting grant requests through the 2004-05 Community Mini-Grant program. A total of $20,000 is available for organizations serving the region. Applications must be turned in to the parks department by January 31. Call 617-4620 for information.

New Year's Eve

The Woodland Opera House Guild will be "Putting on the Ritz" on December 31 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the opera house, 340 Second St. in Woodland. Live entertainment, DJ music, catering by Morrison's and champagne and sparkling cider. $45 per person, benefiting the opera house programs. Only 200 tickets available; call (530) 666-9617 or visit the box office at the opera house.

Little League

West Sacramento Little League is holding online registration for the 2005 season at www.westsacll.com. You may also phone Jeff Morazzini, 996-6160, for information.

Bingo

Ring in the New Year with bingo at the Elks Lodge, 423 Third Street. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 31 and games start at 7:30 p.m. Bring $10 plus an hors d'oeuvre to buy in. For more information, call 371-7122.

New Year's Eve

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post on Lisbon Street in Bryte will host a prime rib New Year's Eve dinner and party. Also served will be jumbo shrimp and all the fixings. Party favors and champagne will be on hand, all for a $25 donation per person. For more information, call 371-9126.

Adult basketball

The city's "5 on 5" adult basketball Sunday night league is accepting team applications. Registration is $340 per team (minimum of eight games, plus two rounds of playoffs). Games are played at River City High School. Call 617-4620 or sign up at the website, http://www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us. Deadline is Jan. 7.

Ice rink

The region's only outdoor ice rink, at the downtown plaza in Sacramento, is open through January 2 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (closed Christmas Day and closing at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Admission is $6 per skater and $2 for skate rental.

County services

Most non-essential offices and facilities operated by the County of Yolo will close from December 20 until after the New Year's holiday, re-opening January 3. The closures are a means of cutting costs after state budget cuts and include putting employees on non-paid furlough. The closure will include library branches, the district attorney's office, animal shelter (some services), parks, and other departments. Visit the county website, www.yolocounty.org, for more information.

Yellow ribbons

Grocery Outlet stores are giving away magnetic ribbons to "support our troops" to any shopper who shows a picture of a relative in uniform or presents a military ID, dependent card, or veteran status card. Others may receive a ribbon with a gift card purchase of $10 or more. The ribbons may be attached to cars or refrigerators. A store is located on Harbor Blvd. near West Capitol.

Electronics disposal

Beginning January 1, there will be no fees to dispose of computer monitors or televisions at the Yolo County Landfill. Current fees ($12-$25) will be in effect until that date. Beginning Jan. 1, a new state law will include a recycling fee with the sale of new TVs or computer monitors to help pay for the free disposal program.

Supporting elderly

Nugget Market has signed up for a program to benefit the Elderly Nutrition Program of Yolo County, which helps provide services including meals for shut-in seniors. Bring your Nugget receipts to a drop box at the store in West Sacramento and the store will donate 1% of the value tabulated on all collected receipts to the Elderly Nutrition Program. Receipts may also be delivered to the meal site manager, Patty Hickey, at the West Sacramento Senior Center, 666 Cummins Way.

Babysitter class

The City of West Sacramento's parks department is offering the American Red Cross babysitter training course, including information on safety, first aid, feeding, diapering and interviewing for a job. Pre-registration is necessary. Open to students 11 and up. Call 617-4620.

Like your highways?

The California Department of Transportation is asking for feedback on the condition of state highways. Survey-takers will identify themselves by ZIP code and provide CalTrans with feedback. Visit www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi before January 5.

Hunter safety

The city parks department will offer a hunter's safety course on January 11-12. This is a state-mandated class for anyone receiving a hunting license in California, and will last 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. $10 for city residents; $15 for others. Open to those age eight and up. Call 617-4620 for more information.

Martial art

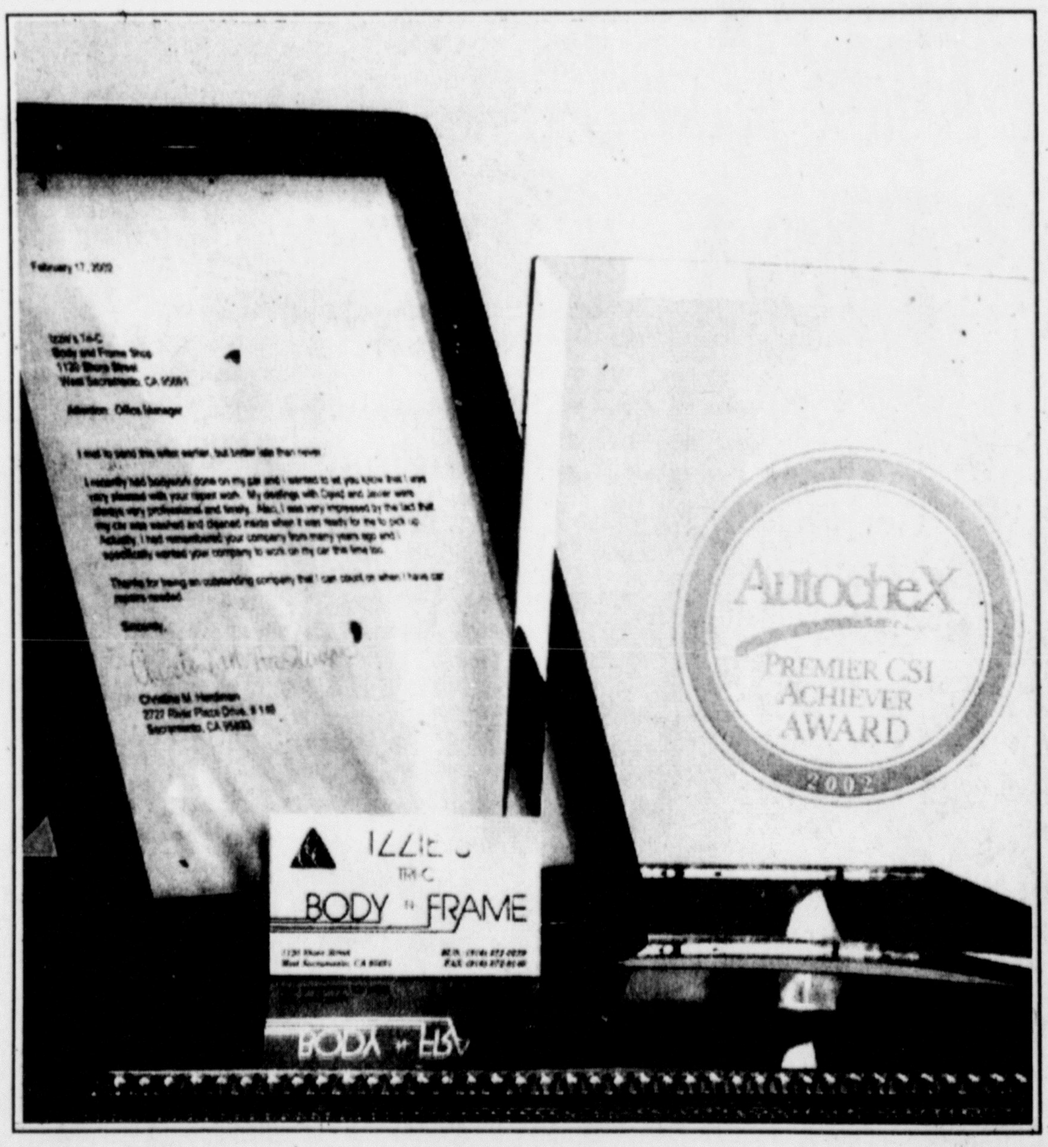
The city parks department offers an ongoing class in Tai-Chi-Chung, a self-defense strategy used primarily for gentle exercise. The class meats Mondays 7-8 p.m. and Wednesdays 7-8 a.m. at the civic center. Fee is $50 for five classes (may be taken anytime over a six-month period). Call 617-4620.

Preschool

There are openings for three-year olds at Discovery Preschool, operated by the City of West Sacramento at the Sam Combs Family Center, 205 Stone Blvd. The program acquaints kids with numbers, shapes, colors and the alphabet. Three-month session, fees vary. Students must be potty-trained. Call 617-4620.

Help with the bill

Through "Relief for Energy Assistance through Community Help," or REACH, the Salvation Army collects and distributes one-time assistance to households who need help with their energy bill. You can make a tax-deductible monthly contribution on your bill, or call (800) 933-9677.



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